# **Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs**

Monday, Thursday-Friday, October 26, 29-30

<u>Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT</u>

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seeds and suet, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact with each other.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 27-28 Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, October 31 Happy Halloween!

Set clocks BACK one hour tonight!
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45***am What's Left Behind* — Search for signs of wildlife: tracks, scat, chewings trails & more! Meet at the nature center for this 1½-hour moderately-rugged discovery hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Discover fact, fiction and furnishings of the Salmon Lusk family during an entertaining 1-hour tour of their 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out on Trails 1 or 4, or drive out and park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45pm.

#### Sunday, November 1 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds - Nature Center.

**10:45am Pinecone Birdfeeders** – Create a treat for the birds, & then hang it in the wildlife observation area or take it home for your own birds & squirrels. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Monday, Thursday-Friday, November 2 & 5-6 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 3-4 Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, November 7 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds - Nature Center.

**10:45am Reptile Rendezvous** — Come and meet our captive reptiles, touch a live snake, and then watch as we offer food. Warning: live mice and worms may be consumed. 30 minutes (or until everyone's full). Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** — See previous listing. Nature Center.

Sunday, November 8
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds - Nature Center.

**10:45am Eagle Extravaganza** — Meet at the nature center to learn about the magnificent bald eagle, and then join the naturalist for an easy hike to see if we can spot them flying the creek or hunting from trees. 1-hour program and hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Children younger than 14 must be with an adult while in the nature center or at programs.

## Hoosier Quest Program Earn pins & patches! Get started at the Nature Center

Monday, Thursday-Friday, November 9 & 12-13 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10 am Help Feed The Birds - Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show — See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 10-11 Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, November 14 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am** Weave a Winter Scarf — Get cozy this winter in a richly textured scarf of your own making. For only \$5 per person, Kayla will provide instruction and all materials, plus a good start on a warm winter scarf. Many yarn colors available. Join us in the nature center for this 1-hour workshop. Appropriate for adults and older children.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See listing above.

#### Sunday, November 15 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am** *Armchair Birdwatch* – Join the naturalist to identify and understand the birds feeding in our wildlife observation area. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

### **Deer Reduction**

Monday & Tuesday, November 16-17
PARKS & Nature Center CLOSED

**Deer Reduction** — In order to prevent the deer herds at Turkey Run and Shades State Parks from getting too large, eating too many plants and upsetting ecological balance, it has become necessary to remove some of the deer. Human hunters replace wolves and cougars, nature's hunters of deer now absent from Indiana. For your safety, the 2 parks will be closed throughout this deer reduction.

The parks re-open at 8am on Wednesday, November 18.

Wednesday, November 18 Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, November 19
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST

**10***am Help Feed The Birds* – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

**7pm Friends of Turkey & Shades Meeting** – Meet in the basement of the Inn & consider becoming a volunteer.

Friday, November 20
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

### Saturday, November 21 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am The Life Aquatic** – Come explore the streams of Turkey Run to see what kinds of life hide beneath the surface. Meet in front of the Inn for this fun 1½-hour rugged hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show — See previous listing.
3pm Lusk Home Tour — See previous listing. \$2/person.

# **Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs**

Sunday, November 22 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed and suet, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact.

**10:45am The Fight For Turkey Run** – Turkey Run State Park is the child of adversity. The park was born through a struggle between river and ocean, and movement of tectonic plates. It was carved by melting glacial torrents. It was exploited and fought over by our ancestors, and continues to struggle against challenges wrought by human hands today. Don't miss this 30-minute journey through time at the nature center.

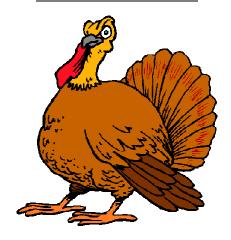
**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Monday, November 23 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

### **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Tuesday -Thursday, November 24-26 Nature Center CLOSED



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**Park Office:** 765-597-2635 Chris Newcomb, Property Manager Steve Stockton, Ass't. Property Manager

**Nature Center:** 765-597-2654 Barbara Tibbets, Interpretive Naturalist Kayla Leach, Interpretive Naturalist Andrew Hoffman, Interpretive Naturalist

**Turkey Run Inn** 765-597-2211 or 877-500-6151 Rob Parker, General Manager Tim Thurman, Ass't. General Manager Kristina Hale, Sales Director

For additional interpretive programs:

stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm

Find us on Facebook by searching for "Turkey Run and Shades State Parks"

#### **Thanksgiving Weekend Activities**

Friday, November 27

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am Woven Bookmarks** – Planning to cozy up with a good book this winter? Need a cute gift for the bookworm in your family? Create a unique woven bookmark in an earthfriendly way at the nature center. 30 minutes.

**11am Winter Is Coming** – Join a naturalist to tour the winter preparations going on around the park, and see how wild things survive the frozen season. This 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-hour moderately-rugged family hike begins at the nature center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** — See previous listing. *Reserve a seat Friday morning* for this fabulous 40-minute program. Nature Center.

3pm Lusk Home Tour – Discover fact, fiction and furnishings of the Salmon Lusk family during an entertaining, 1-hour tour of their 1841 brick mansion. Reserve a spot at the nature center before 2pm. A \$2 per person donation is requested at time of reservation. Hike out on Trails 1 or 4, or drive out and park at the Home. Warning: tours include 3 flights of stairs. Doors open at 2:45pm. THIS IS THE FINAL HOME TOUR OF THE YEAR!

#### Saturday, November 28 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

**10:30am Owl Ornaments** – Create a charming ornament as you discover how to invite wild owls into your lives this coming winter. 30 minute. Nature Center.

**11am** Host A Habitat — Collect nature items & then create a 3D habitat for the (plastic) creature of your choice. Don't miss this fun family program. Includes a short, easy hike. 1-hour. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations* can be made as early as Friday morning.

**3pm Predators That Prowl Turkey Run** – Gather at the nature center for a 30-minute look at some of the more ferocious animals that live at the park.

### Sunday, November 29 Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

**10:30am Time Travel Detectives** — Travel through time with a naturalist as you discover clues that reveal secrets that happened long before you were born. 1-hour moderately-rugged hike. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Nature Center.

#### **Deer Reduction**

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The parks re-open at 8am on Wednesday, December 2.

Wednesday, December 2
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday-Friday, December 3-4
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10**am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.